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WHEN MCKINLEY IS PRESIDENT.



TO LET, MAY 1ST.



THE LANDLORD 's put the placard up
"This flat to let," at last,
And soon these homely rooms will be
But dreams from out the past.

I muse within the darkened room
Where shades familiar fall,
And people it with vanished forms,
And vanished dreams recall.

What take we from this long-known spot?
What leave we here behind?
Alas! a year or two of life,
Some hopes, some dreams resigned!

"To let, May 1st." Another heart
Here visions fair may hug;
Another heart pursue fond dreams
And chase the croton bug.

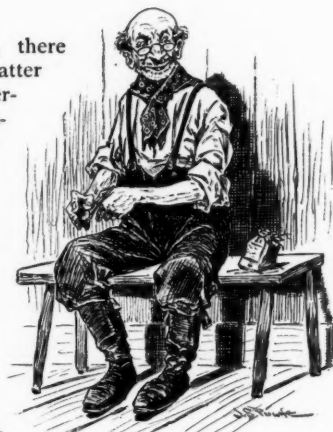
And when beside the bedroom shaft
Our neighbors fight, in vain
This stranger soul will mourn for us,
And wish us back again.

Florence E. Pratt.

HIS ADVICE.

AMATEUR FARMER.— Mr. Green, there seems to be something serious the matter with the horse I bought of you yesterday. He coughs and wheezes distressingly, and I think perhaps he is wind-broken. What would you advise me to do?

JAY GREEN (*promptly*). — Sell him as quick as you can; — jes' like I did.



WHAT THE Senate needs is a few finished orators.

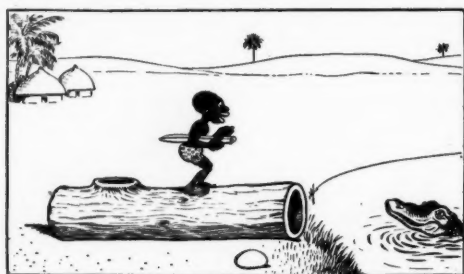
WE DON'T suffer so much from the insolence of office when the incumbent is a candidate for re-election.

IT is said that the microbe regards the Roentgen discovery as an unfriendly act.

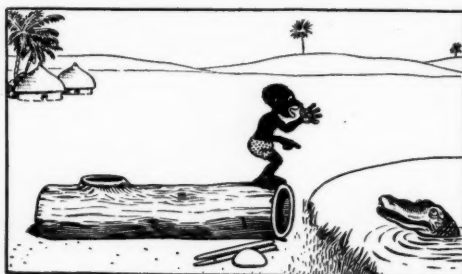
IT is now amply evidenced that the Salvation Army can fight.

HOW LITTLE JING-JING BAGGED HIS QUARRY.

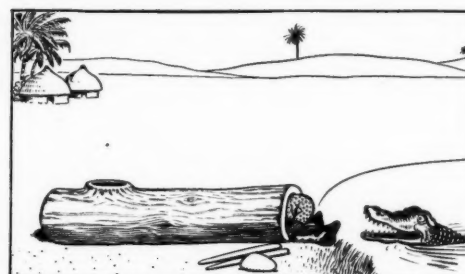
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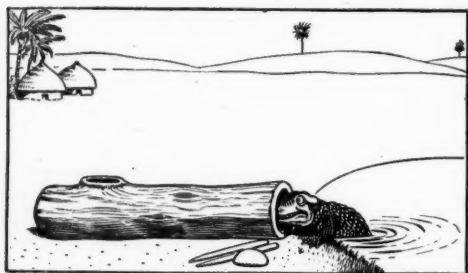
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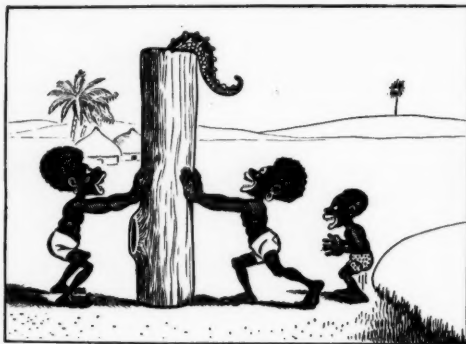


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A NOBLE AIM.

SHE. — I wonder what is the trouble with the young man upstairs? I hear him walking the floor at all hours of the night.

HE. — Oh! he has a great idea; if he could only work it out. He's trying to devise a scheme for running an apartment house without a janitor.



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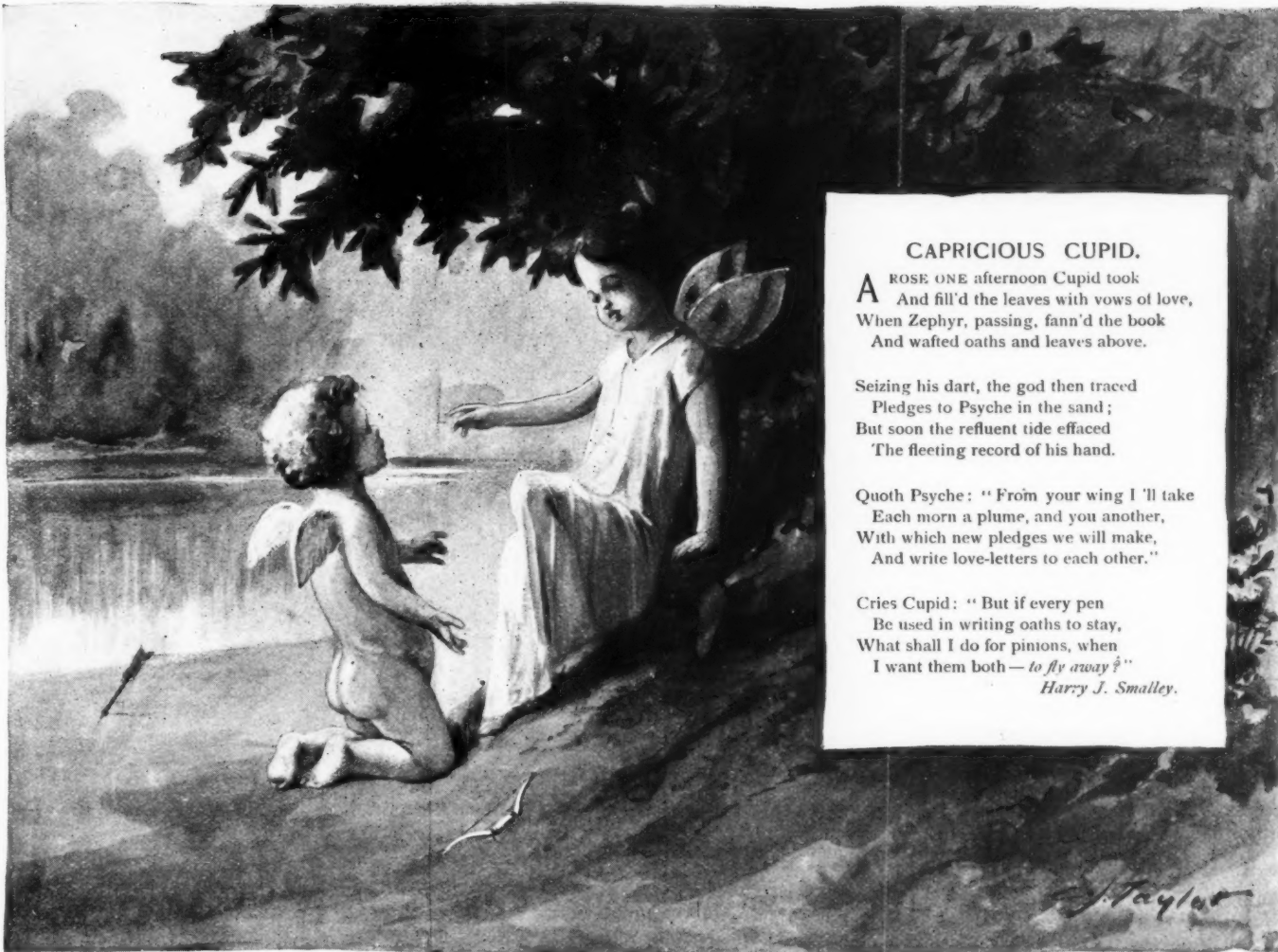
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JUSTIFIED.

EDITOR. — How often must I warn you to avoid tautology? Here you speak of "an unmarried spinster." Did you ever know of a spinster who was married?

WRIGHT. — Why — er — there's Mrs. Lease!

A LUNG TROUBLE — Congress.



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CAPRICIOUS CUPID.

ROSE ONE afternoon Cupid took
And fill'd the leaves with vows of love,
When Zephyr, passing, fann'd the book
And wafted oaths and leaves above.

Seizing his dart, the god then traced
Pledges to Psyche in the sand;
But soon the reflux tide effaced
The fleeting record of his hand.

Quoth Psyche: "From your wing I'll take
Each morn a plume, and you another,
With which new pledges we will make,
And write love-letters to each other."

Cries Cupid: "But if every pen
Be used in writing oaths to stay,
What shall I do for pinions, when
I want them both—to fly away?"

Harry J. Smalley.

OF NO ACCOUNT.



THEY WERE tremendous personages. Each was fully conscious of his own greatness; yet, by a sort of freemasonry of genius, each acknowledged tacitly the claim of all the others to consideration. They were strangers to each other, however, and some sort of introduction was necessary. They had supposed the little fellow in the corner would attend to that; but evidently he thought the affair was none of his business. Finally, one spoke up.

"I," he remarked, proudly, "am the Napoleon of Wall Street."

"And I," said another, "am the Napoleon of Politics."

"I," a third said, "am the Napoleon of Railroaders."

Others then announced themselves as Napoleons of this, that and the other, and they all shook hands and felt decidedly majestic and proud to make each other's acquaintance.

"Tell that little fellow in the corner to get out of here!" thundered the Napoleon of Chimney Sweeps. "Who are you, anyhow?"

"My name," answered the little man, as he took his leave, "is Napoleon Bonaparte."

LIVING IN HOPES.

DAN BERRY.—I hope Congress won't suspend immigration just yet.

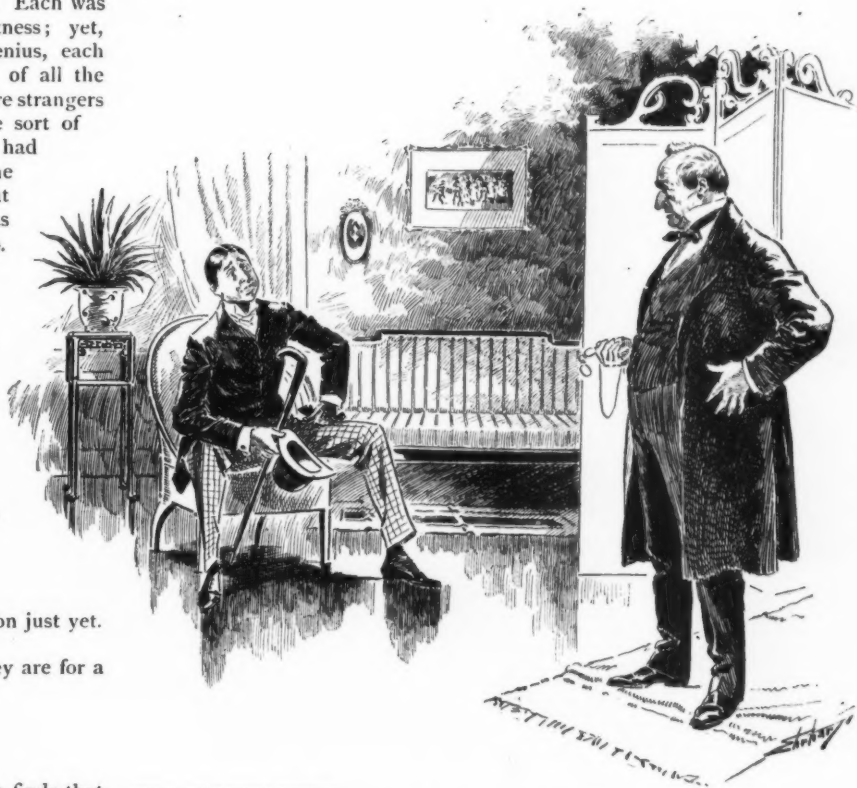
PORT CHESTER.—What do you care about it?

DAN BERRY.—If they'll only let things run along as they are for a few years, I may be able to hire a cook.

A FAINT HEART is an easy mark for a fair lady this year.

A MAN'S MOST difficult lessons in self-restraint come when he finds that he has a stomach that is not what it once was.

SOME PEOPLE have two great objects in life; first, to become rich; and, second, to become richer.



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A STRONG INDUCEMENT.

PATER.—Has my daughter ever offered you any encouragement?

SUITOR.—Oh, yes, sir! She said if I married her, she'd work you for the rent.

A HUNGARIAN HAPPENING.

There was a young lady of Pesth,
Who distresth, had unresth in her bresth;
For truly, in sooth,
There was no gallant yooth
Impresth, though she dresth in her besth.

ARRIVING AT A CONCLUSION.

STRAWBER.—I'm in love, and I want your help.
SINGERLY.—Certainly, old man! What can I do for you?
STRAWBER.—You've had a vast experience with women and understand them better than any man I know. I want you to tell me, old fellow, whether the girl loves me or not.
SINGERLY.—Why don't you ask her?
STRAWBER.—Because I first want to be sure. I don't want to take any chances.
SINGERLY.—Ah, yes! You don't want to be rejected.
STRAWBER.—Exactly!
SINGERLY.—Who is the girl?
STRAWBER.—Miss Planetree. Never met her, have you?
SINGERLY.—No; but never mind. Let me ask you some point-blank questions. In the first place, does she always treat you about the same?
STRAWBER.—Well, yes.
SINGERLY.—Is n't she sometimes more indifferent to you than at others?
STRAWBER.—I don't know but she is.
SINGERLY.—But is her indifference very marked?
STRAWBER.—No; I don't think so.
SINGERLY.—That's not a very good sign. Still, you can't always tell. Does she ever pay you compliments?
STRAWBER.—Never.
SINGERLY.—That's better. Does she seem glad to see you?
STRAWBER.—Oh, yes; but apparently not any more so than other men.
SINGERLY.—That's nothing. How is it when you leave? Ever urge you to stay?
STRAWBER.—Oh, yes; in the most formal manner.
SINGERLY.—Then she is formal with you, is she?
STRAWBER.—Not always; but sometimes she is. Then it makes me wonder how I ever had the nerve to kiss her.
SINGERLY.—Ah! So you've kissed her, have you? That's a clue. When?
STRAWBER.—The first week we met.
SINGERLY.—How many times?
STRAWBER.—Once.
SINGERLY.—Why not again?
STRAWBER.—The fact is, old man, after that I did n't dare. You see, I fell in love with her. She began to be different in my eyes from other girls.
SINGERLY.—I see. Now, old fellow, I think I can be of some service to you. Without first proposing, you wish to find out if she loves you?
STRAWBER.—I do, indeed!
SINGERLY.—Then you must try and kiss her again.
STRAWBER.—That would be sacrilege.
SINGERLY.—But you must.
STRAWBER.—But suppose she won't let me?
SINGERLY.—That's just the point. If she won't now, then you may be sure she loves you?

Tom Masson.

THE WORLD would be fifty per cent. better if the people who mean no harm would n't do any.

"THE OLD family," says the radical who boards, "is like the Spring chicken — undeniably old and presumably tough."



AN UNWHOLESOME MEAL.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—Editor is sick, eh? What is the matter with him?

OFFICE BOY (*Rocket City Bazoo*).—Indigestion, I reckon; Colonel Rawhide came up this mornin' an' made him eat his words.

ALL IN A NAME.

"Why does Mlle. Fling jump up and down all over the stage like lightning?"

"That is her wonderful new dance known as 'The price of butter.'"

FREE FROM THAT CHARGE.

"I may open my mouth a good deal."

The mermaid glanced at the reflection of herself in the mirror, which every good-looking mermaid carries.

"I may open my mouth a good deal, but I never put my foot in it."

SECURED.

CANVASSER.—Let me show you this new check protector. It makes it impossible to raise checks —

BUSINESS MAN.—My dear sir, I have a check protector which fully answers my requirements.

CANVASSER.—Indeed? What kind is it?

BUSINESS MAN.—It is the size of my bank balance.

"WOULDEST BE clothed in grace?" Fate asked the maid.

"Can you cut me a sample, sir?" she said.

A MAN ALWAYS has a little better opinion of himself when a friend who did not take his advice fails.

THE CHIEF trouble with the man who rides his hobby is that he won't let you get out of his way.

IT is a wise lover who can tell when his heart is broken.



AT THE BLOOMER CLUB.

MRS. NEWMAN.—What is the matter with Yabsley? She seems so subdued here, lately.

MRS. UPTODATE.—Why, I understand she is terribly rooster-pecked at home. They say her husband has worn the bloomers ever since the honeymoon.

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TWO LITTLE MAIDS.



TWO LITTLE maids went roaming, roaming,
All in the fields alone.
"Suppose that a boy were coming, coming,
Over the fields?" said one, said one
To the other little maid said one.

Then the other little maid fell dreaming, dreaming;
"He 'll bring me a rose," said she.
"He won't! You are always scheming, scheming,
As horrid as you can be!" Dear me!
As horrid as she can be.

Two little maids in a fury, fury;
No little boy in view;
And this is the end of the story. Sorry.
Why did n't they make it two? Don't you
Think they might as well have made it two!

Arthur Willis Colton.



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JUST THE REVERSE.

THE CALLER.—Your husband is wedded to his club, is he not?

MRS. BROOKS.—Not much. He seems to be perfectly devoted to it.

IN RUSSIA.

"This man," said the police official, "is a desperate character. He has tried to assassinate Your Majesty twice."

"He must be, indeed, a desperate character," assented the Czar. "Most of my enemies would be satisfied to assassinate me once."

IT DOES N'T require much cultivation to raise some people's hopes.

THINGS HARDLY ever begin coming our way until we've spent a good deal of time going after them.

A MAN MAY not know when he is beaten, and yet have an uneasy feeling that it would have been wise to arbitrate.

MAN WANTS a little more than he will ever get here below.

ALL DUKES are born equal, but some of them manage to get up in the world quite a little.



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THEIR POINT OF VIEW.

RAGGED HAGGARD.—Aw, what 's de use of Sunday, anyhow?

WABBLY WALKER.—It 's de day of rest, podner.

RAGGED HAGGARD.—Huh! How kin we rest any more on Sunday dan we do on week days?

IN THE NEW LIGHT.

"You—"

The blinding glare illumined all.

"Can now read the inmost workings of my heart!"

Prof. Roentgen, of Vienna, calmly adjusted his camera.

"Yes," he continued; "we 'll now see things in a new light."

And, pressing the bulb, he took two more penetrating photos of his sitter's viscera.

THE DEVIL always has a work for idle hands to do,
Is said so often that, no doubt, most people think it true;
But I am sure it would break up the old sulphuric scamp
Should he but try this maxim on a plain and average tramp.



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ETIQUETTE.

POLICE JUSTICE.—Did you recognize your assailants?

VAN DUSNAP (*indignantly*).—Most assuredly not!—they hardly belong to my set!

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INVESTIGATING.

RUDE BOY (to POLL).—Come off your perch?
PARROT (from Boston).—Is it insecure?

A PARADOX.

GRIMSHAW.—It certainly looks promising.
HOOKS.—Promising? Why, man, it is a sure thing!
GRIMSHAW.—That settles it! I'll have nothing to do with it — there is too much uncertainty about it.



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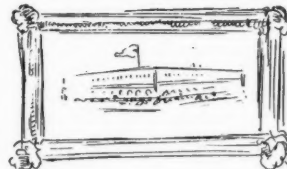
VISITOR (in Maine).—But why do you vote for prohibition? You don't seem to believe in it at all.
NATIVE.—Well, I'll tell you. The druggists here have been induced by our laws to go into the liquor business; to devote their energy to it — to invest their capital in it; and it would be downright robbery now to let liquor saloons take away their trade.

WHAT DID SHE MEAN?

GLADYS GIDDIGIRL (struggling in JACK SWIFT'S embrace).—How dare you, sir? Let me go instantly!
JACK SWIFT.—Do you mean that?
GLADYS.—Yes, sir! When I tell you to let me go I mean—Oh, don't!

THE INCREASE.

"One year ago," bragged the prominent citizen of Rantedodlar, Oklahoma, "the population of this town was less than five hundred; to-day it is fully twice that number!"
"Yes," replied the prominent citizen of the rival hamlet of Rocket City, "I heard you'd annexed the cemetery."



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DISTRACTED BY LOVE.

SHE.—And do you t'ink of me ven I am not presend, Moritz?
HE.—Repecca, you are always in my mind. To-day, ven I vos figurin' der intersd on a tiamont shtud I make a misdake of sixty-four cents in favor of der man vot vos takin' it oud.

WHAT SHE THOUGHT.

HE.—I put all the brains I have into that poem.
SHE.—Is n't it too long?

SOLID.

WIFE.—That's the first bread I ever made.
HUSBAND.—Well, it makes a good foundation.

THE FASHIONABLE FAD.

"Is golf lively?"
"No; golf is very Philadelphia."

"WHEN IGNORANCE IS BLISS"—
When you have more money than you know what to do with.

IT is during the wee small hours that the wee small baby touches the low-water mark of its popularity.

COURTSHIP CONSISTS largely in trying to find out what the girl thinks without asking her.



"MULTUM IN PARVO."



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

PLATFORM COWARDICE. **W**ITH JEFFERSON truth never lay in compromise nor success in evasion of responsibility." This was remarked the other day by ex-Governor William E. Russell of Massachusetts, in his speech at the Jefferson reunion. As clearly as may be understood from its declarations up to date, the Republican party believes the opposite to be true, for the money planks in its platforms are generally so peppered with "ifs" and "whiles" and "yets," that they show nothing but compromise and evasion. They mean neither silver nor gold, and yet are framed with intent to catch the advocates of both. That is the kind of platform upon which Mr. McKinley has the impudence to stand to-day,—for it is nothing short of impudence to ask people for their votes while evading the one great issue that divides them. There are no voters with half-and-half opinions on this subject, and he is a foolish candidate who thinks he can long deceive people who differ bitterly and widely upon the thing that most concerns their commercial life.

The address of ex-Governor Russell referred to was a refreshing draught of pure old Democracy. It would have made T. Jefferson himself smack his lips. Democracy, he pointed out, "has resisted always the control of government by monopoly and organized wealth." "Taxation is to be only for revenue. To this end, upon the emphatic demand of the country, it has reversed her war-tariff policy. This it has done conservatively and on the broad lines of first cheapening the necessities of life and freeing the raw materials of industry." It now demands a fair test of its law, and opposes any return to the iniquitous system that fosters special interests at the people's expense. Opposed to Democracy, said this Democrat, we have "a party born of a great agitation for a worthy mission long since accomplished." Since then it has become the prey of manufacturers who demand legislation in return for their support; it has "stirred up sectional prejudice and hatred among a people reunited in love and loyalty;" and "it is now considering the union of two special interests—silver and protection—which, if successful, means impairment of the nation's credit and a greater burden on her people." While the favorite Republican candidate relies upon his smartness to save him from an honest declaration on the money question, this Democrat is ready to say what he thinks: "For one, I believe that our country's honor demands scrupulous fidelity to her plighted word and an honest payment of her obligations; and that the people's interest is best served by strictly upholding here the monetary system of the civilized world. Free coinage of silver or its compulsory purchase or any compromise legislation by us in that direction is distinctly class legislation which would unsettle business, impair credit, reduce all savings and the value of our wages, and whose injurious results no man can measure." This man is not a shuffler or a coward; and he is precisely the style of Democrat that his party stands sorely in need of to-day. If he were the Democratic candidate for President, no charge of cowardice or double-dealing could be brought against him. "Let us find the truth," he says, "bravely assert it and trust our cause to the conscience and patriotism of the people."

MINISTERIAL MORALITY. **S**OME MINISTERS of the gospel in New York City have lately given a most painful exhibition of moral obtuseness. First one minister preached another's sermon as if it were his own. This was a kind of theft morally as wrong as stealing another's coat. But more surprising than the act itself was the effect of its exposure upon the offender and his brother ministers. These latter should have shown pity and ready forgiveness when forgiveness was asked; but the offender has brazenly persisted that he did no wrong, and has most disingenuously tried to divert attention from the main fact. In this course many of his brothers in the church have supported him. They have persistently evaded the ugly truth that he copied another minister's sermon, preached it and gave it out for publication as his own; and some of them have made the astonishing assertion that it was a wrong act to expose the theft because it discredits the whole ministry,—their position seeming to be that fraud of this kind is so common among them that they can not afford to have it exposed. These eminent divines reason like Jesuits; and yet in the Protestant Church we are supposed to have no paltering with untruth or deception of any nature for any purpose whatever. We wonder if the every-day, profane view of the fashionable church

is the right one, after all. Are truth and honesty forgotten in the effort to make surplice and rhetoric the best obtainable? Is moral uprightness habitually trampled under foot by style? Is honor tempered with expediency? The plagiarizing minister suggests this view, because no man honestly and earnestly serving God could do what he did and remain unrepentant; and it is strongly colored by the readiness with which other ministers have defended his wrongdoing. The whole thing smells of politics,—of McKinley being exposed in the act of raising a corruption fund, and being upheld therein by Republicans.

FINDING HIM OUT.

"Say!" he said, leaning across the aisle, to a fellow-passenger; "do you know McKinley at sight?"

"Yes. Why?"

"Well, I heard a fellow in the next car tell another fellow that he advocated a sound money doctrine, provided sufficient silver legislation could be had to insure a parity of that metal with gold; and that while he was not in favor of bimetalism, he realized the immense advantages accruing from a recognition of Western interests. I want to identify that man. It is n't Reed; and if it is n't McKinley, there's a dark horse in the field."

ALBANY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Raines's followed by extreme drought.

WHO, INDEED?

"These senatorial funerals are disgracefully extravagant."

"I don't know. Who'd grudge four thousand dollars to bury Tillman?"

UNCOMFORTABLE.

With gentle Spring have now returned
The days of rapture, when
We shed our Winter underwear,
And put it on again.

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"HE DID N'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED."



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W-H-O-A!!!

"SCRAPPING."



ABOUT THE time of life when we have confidence enough in our beard to take a seat in the barber's chair to be shaved, with no fear of the barber's saying, "How do you want your hair cut, sir?" we begin to moralize over our happy boyhood days. We feel so very, very old. What a dim vista we see when we peep back from our twentieth to our thirteenth year! How long it seems! And as some urchin comes idling along and munching an apple, we say to some staid and settled person as aged as ourselves, "Ah, me! boys are not what they were when we were young."

And the man as old as ourself will shake his head gloomily and say, "No; indeed they're not!" This is encouraging, and the conversation runs on like this:

"Kids don't go barefoot any more, as we used to."

"No; nor play the games we used to play."

"Nor get in mischief as we used to."

And then you'll chuckle as you tell how the town constable got after you once for stoning a freight train, and you will add:

"And, by George! think of how we used to scrap!"

The thought is too much for both of you; and, shaking your heads sadly with a world's-coming-to-an-end air, you spot the scratch-ball and get back to the game.

But boys ARE just the same, dear reader! They go barefoot just as much, play games just as much, get into mischief just as much, and fight just as much as they did fifteen years ago.

Fights between boys generally break out like spontaneous combustion. Reddy Clark will peg at Scotty Smith's top out of his turn — and there you are!

But sometimes "one's afraid and the other dassen't," and there may follow for weeks mutual taunts, challenges, recriminations, delicate negotiations and bluff and brag worthy of champion heavy-weights, before the fight is pulled off. After Sneak Moran has carried tales, and told Peejee Wilkins what Kid Allen had said about him, and then gone back to Kid Allen with what Peejee Wilkins said, and all the cheerful lies and boasts of boyhood are bandied sufficiently, the adversaries are brought together after the ball game, to settle it "fer wunst and all." Sometimes it is a little hard to get them to do more than breathe defiance at each other in a half-hearted way. However, at the last moment, Nigger Jack, who works in the livery stable, or Slim Dusenberry, who has been to a reformatory, and is looked up to and envied by every boy, in consequence, chance along.

The fight now assumes shape. Nigger Jack or Slim Dusenberry, as the case may be, draws a line on the ground, (these affairs invariably are pulled off on a vacant lot near an ash pile,) and the unwilling champions are made to toe the scratch.

Here is the critical juncture. There are two methods that can be used to precipitate matters. One is to put a chip on the shoulder of the most determined and get the most aggressive to knock it off. The other is to get either of the would-be combatants to say either "Snow" or "Thread." These are cabalistic and fateful words that are held in much awe by the rising generation. So long as a boy can avoid saying either he can withdraw with honor. But let him once commit himself, and he must follow out the rest of the ritual and fight, or be forever disgraced. If he says "Snow," the chorus cries, "Coward if yer don't hit 'im the first blow!" If it is "Thread," he is greeted with, "Coward if yer don't pull every hair outen his head!" Which is equivalent to the first, in reality, for boys don't pull hair as a general thing; — that is left for play-ground encounters between Sadie Martin and Sissy Jones.

The first blow is generally a light tap, a sort of feint, as it were. The boy struck retaliates with a harder tap; and, oh, joy! the fight is on. Then they clinch;



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A NOVITIATE.

MR. UFFINGHAM. — What bekum uv Rube Taylor, since he entah'd de chu'ch?

DEACON CHILBONE. — Wha, he ain't got out yit; — he got five yeahs, yo' recollect, fo' dat job.

and here comes the difference between town and country boys. With country boys the rough-and-tumble fight is *de rigueur*. The best "wrestler" is generally the local juvenile champion. Everything goes — kicking, biting and scratching, till one of them hollers "nuff!" And that ends it.

But the city boy sees the *Police Gazette* oftener, and the fight with him is mostly stand off; a clinch and fall marking the end of a round. Action and position, after the lithographs of Fitzsimmons or Corbett, are effects sought after most; and a street-fight in the city is often tiresomely protracted in this manner. And oftener, after a tormenting lot of skipping and feinting at two yards distance, the cry of "Cheese it, der cop!" ends the fight before it begins.

I have seldom seen a tidy fight between two well-matched boys — one of those closely-contested, harmless encounters — that was not interrupted by some officious ass, generally in a snail-tracked and shiny-seamed frock-coat, who rushed up, crying, "for shame!" and separated the principals. Believe me, a man who does such a thing as this never had a good blood-stirring fight in his life; never did anything but be a nuisance to all his friends, and finally skipped out with thirty-seven dollars belonging to the concern for whom he was canvassing for "Household Gems."

Sometimes it is a woman, a fat woman with a determined double chin and a moth-eaten plush sacque, who separates the fighting boys.

Her plan of procedure is to knock the breath out of them both with vigorous thumps of a baggy umbrella.

Then she slaps the faces of both till their noses bleed; after which, glaring at the assembled multitude, until everybody feels cheap and uneasy, she will go up to some dear old gentleman in the crowd, who has been thrilled in every fibre of his being by the hot-fought fight, and, snapping her fingers under his nose, will say, "Ain't you a nice passel of brutes to egg on them poor children to disfigure themselves!"

Is it any wonder, then, that our boys grow up with all the good aggressive American scrapping spirit stunted in them, to be non-combative nuisances — such as prize-fighters?

Roy L. McCardell.



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IN CONFIDENCE.

EDITH. — Were you very nervous while he was proposing?
JESSIE. — Very! I was afraid we would be interrupted.

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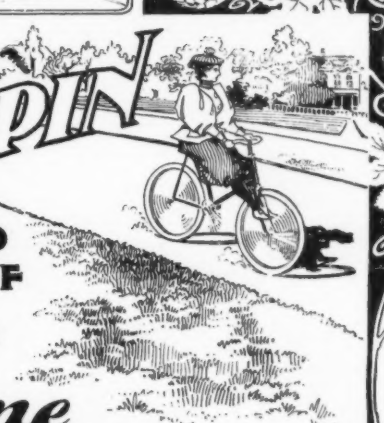
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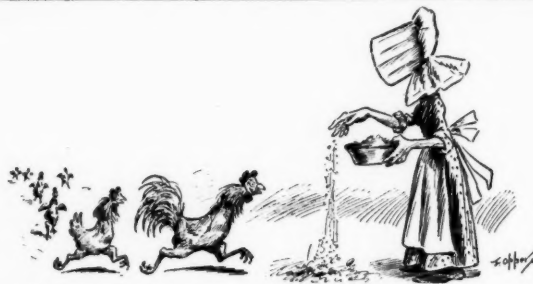
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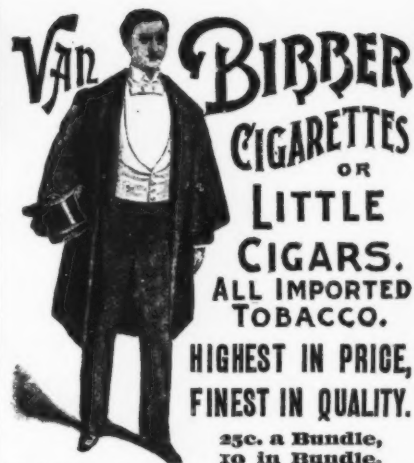
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